

Joy Juliet



- **Date of Birth:** Aug/20/2008
- **Favorite Subject:** Chemistry
- **Career Ambition:** Medical Engineering/
Fashion designer

Joy Juliet, the youngest of five children, carries the weight of her family's hopes and dreams. Her natural curiosity and interest in chemistry fuel her ambitious goals of pursuing a career in medical engineering or fashion design. Access to good education is the only obstacle that can stand between her and her dreams.

Joy Juliet is the last born among five children and the light of her family's life, carrying their dreams and aspirations with a quiet determination. She lives with her mother, Christine Ouko, and her siblings in a modest two-roomed home made of mud and rough-cast cement, which has been their shelter for the past 12 years. Despite efforts to reinforce the walls, the house is vulnerable to the elements, with gaps between the roof and walls that let in cold drafts during the rainy season. Drainage is a constant issue, and every heavy downpour brings water trickling into the home. Space is limited, with the single additional room serving both as a kitchen and a sleeping area for the children.





Without in-house amenities, the family must rely on shared facilities for their bathroom needs, which are inconveniently located at a distance and require a fee for each use. The household's financial struggles weigh heavily on Christine, who works as a small-scale seller of hair products. With an unpredictable income, she strives to make ends meet but often faces difficulties covering even the basics, including their 6,000 Ksh monthly rent. Joy's two older brothers one engaged casually as a mechanic and the other still a student, help when they can, but the income is irregular and insufficient to cover the family's needs fully. Compounding these challenges, Joy's parents are separated, and though her father provides occasional support, he is no longer a regular presence in their lives. Despite these conditions, Joy Juliet has grown into a resilient, compassionate young woman with a fierce determination to excel in her studies.

She dreams of pursuing medical engineering or, alternatively, fashion design – careers that reflect both her analytical mind and creative flair. Her favorite subject is chemistry, and she finds inspiration in the idea of transforming knowledge into practical solutions, whether it be through healthcare technology or the artistry of fashion.





At home, Joy contributes significantly, taking on responsibilities that ease her mother's load. She fetches water from a communal tap, helps with cleaning, and supports her siblings with their studies whenever possible. Her older brother had hoped to attend a tertiary institution but was forced to abandon that dream due to financial hardship, eventually becoming an Uber driver to help keep the household afloat. Seeing her brother's path reminds Joy of the barriers her family faces, but it also strengthens her resolve to succeed. For her mother, Joy represents a beacon of hope – a chance for the family to rise above their current struggles

At The Mirror of Hope, we believe education is the best chance young aspiring students like John Garang have to fight the poverty and great struggle that surrounds them. We believe if given a chance, these children can go on to make significant difference in their lives, that of their families and the whole community in the long run.

We therefore ask you to consider sponsoring/fundraising for this cause so that through you a student can get the exceptionally rare chance to go to school and avoid becoming another mere statistic of young, full of potential children in the slum who can't simply afford an education and end up throwing their lives apart.

Many thanks and best wishes from all of us at The Mirror of Hope!

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